Scheme for technical textiles

2446. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to run during the Eleventh Plan period the scheme for the development and growth of technical textiles at an outlay of Rs. 96 crore to promote indigenous manufacture of technical textiles;

(b) whether the scheme would also provide infrastructure support by setting up centres of excellence for manufacturer of technical textiles;

(c) whether the Centrally sponsored financial assistance scheme for the textile sector were being extended to technical textiles; and

(d) if so, to what extent this scheme has benefited the textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): On the recommendation of the Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for the Eleventh Five Year Plan on Textile and Jute industry the Government has proposed a scheme for the development and growth of technical textiles which is in the process of being approved by the Competent Authority.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The Technical Textiles industry is also covered under the centrally sponsored financial assistance schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) and Scheme for Integrated Textiles Park (SITP). The progress of technical textiles segment under TUFS from 01.04.1999 to 28.02.2007 is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Received			Sanctioned			Disbursed	
No. of Applications required	Project Cost	Amount of loan	No. of Applications	Project Cost	Amount	No. of Application	Amount
62	919.25	418.59	60	897.23	356.58	55	90.17

Reconstituted Jute Advisory Board

2447. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reconstituted Jute Advisory Board (JAB);

(b) whether the majority of members of the Jute Advisory Board belongs to non-jute growing and product manufacturing States;

(c) if so, the reason for the same; and